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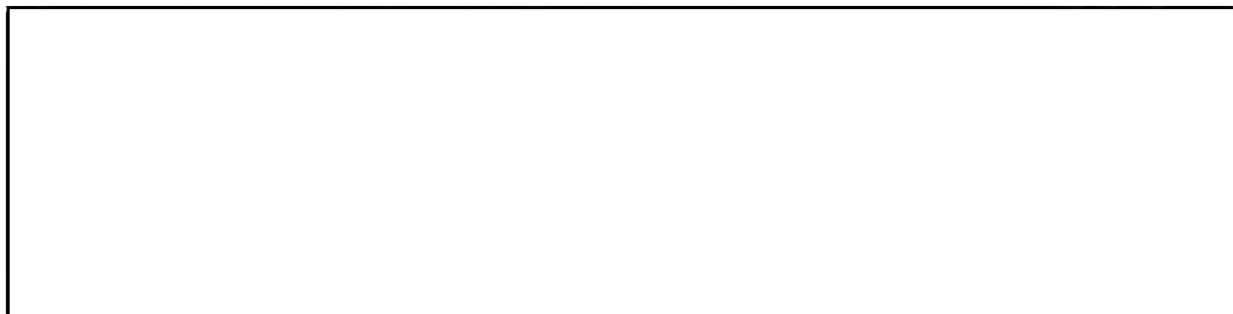
The Situation in Indonesia  
(Information as of 8:00 A.M. EST)

1. Crowds assembled for the army's "victory" parade have now dispersed and Djakarta is reported quiet.

2. President Sukarno, described as "visibly shaken" addressed a meeting of Indonesia's regional military commanders in Djakarta today. After speaking for an hour on the "role of man in revolution" he read his order delegating authority to Suharto and urged the public to give Suharto its support.

3. In a statement over Radio Djakarta, General Suharto has pledged that the armed forces will not deviate the Indonesian revolution to the right or "extreme left." He also stated that any "person, party or organization" in opposition to his policies would be "crushed by the armed forces."

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The Situation in Indonesia  
(As of 12:00 Midnight EST)

1. In the early hours of Saturday morning, Radio Djakarta announced that President Sukarno has instructed General Suharto to take all measures to preserve security and order and to "safeguard the personal safety, prestige, and leadership of the President-Supreme Commander-Great Leader of the Revolution..." The announcement, signed by Suharto in behalf of Sukarno, concluded with the hope that the people's demands, which had been "heard and noticed by the President," would be fulfilled.

2. Some sources suggest that this order, in effect, transfers governmental authority to the army. The full import of this announcement, however, is not yet clear. On the face of it, it would appear to give the army considerable leeway to carry out its intended purge of leftist elements in the government, thus quieting the strident demands of the students who have been demonstrating over the past two weeks. If some such power has in fact been given to the army, it seems probable that Sukarno has done so with certain conditions that would limit the army's power and actions.

3. Shortly after this announcement, the army stated that several military units, believed to be loyal to army leaders Suharto and Nasution, would make a "show of force" to "demonstrate the compactness of the triumvirate of Sukarno, the armed forces, and people." The parade is scheduled to circulate through the main streets of Djakarta.

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